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I. Events of past two months have served to highlight the often-overlooked fact that Pakistan's ^{considerable} potential contribution as a Free World ally ~~still~~ suffers from three chronic liabilities: political instability, a weak economy

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II. Atmosphere of increased tension is marking the efforts of ~~more or less vocal~~ political cliques to wrest leadership from the ^{present} ~~old style~~ rulers, President Mirza and Premier Chaudri.

A. Despite strong measures by rulers (example: provincial government of E. Pakistan has twice been suspended by National Gov't), some change in top leadership appears inevitable in next few months--most probably: Mirza's sacrifice of the politically vulnerable Chaudri.

III. Economically, Pakistan's most optimistic plans for future envision merely holding line of present low living standards. Although ^{severe} ~~a pre-partition food surplus area~~, shortages are now annual events. ^{have occurred for the last 3 years}

A. Presently, near-famine in E. Pakistan and start of food shortage in West,

B. As in past, Paks are turning to US for emergency aid: now requesting over 200,000 tons of relief food.

IV. Pak quarrels with India (over Kashmir) and Afghanistan (over Pushtoon issue)

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A. Despite our urging delay, Paks plan to "return" Kashmir dispute to UN this July--just after Nehru's US visit.

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B. Paks have pressured SEATO and Baghdad Pact councils into support on Kashmir (and SEATO on Pushtoonistan), with resulting Indian and Afghan protests.

C. Paks have clashed with Indians and had major border incidents (April & May) with Afghans, thus ^{giving} ~~reviving~~ Indian and Afghan ^{istan} charges that Paks may eventually use US-supplied weapons against them.

D. In this connection, Mirza has protested US attempts to investigate possible use of our weapons in border clashes, and Chaudri has candidly asked for early delivery of a light bomber squadron to offset possible Indian acquisition of UK Canberras.

V. Perhaps most importantly, this combination of economic pressures and outstanding quarrels with neighbors had made it expedient for Paks to establish new ties with the USSR and Communist China. In economic field:

A. On 23 May, Paks "gratefully accepted" 40,000 tons of grain as "free gift" from USSR.

B. Paks will buy 425,000 tons of Chinese coal in '56.

C. Paks plan to export 412,000 bales of cotton to ChiComs this year (double last year's figure).

D. Finally, many Paks are tempted by the hope that modification of present strong pro-Western politics might buy Soviet neutrality, or even support, on Kashmir and Pushtoonistan.

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